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**RATIONALE**

As provided in Republic Act 10068, Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, it declared the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity; reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, further protect the health of farmers, consumers and the general public, and save program for the promotion of community-based organic agriculture systems which include, among others, farmer-produced purely organic fertilizers such as compost, pesticides and other farm inputs, together with a nationwide educational and promotional campaign for their use and processing, as well as the adoption of organic agricultural system as a viable alternative shall be undertaken.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 27 of Republic Act No. 10068, the Department of Agriculture promulgated and adopted its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) which was approved by the Congressional and Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization (COCAFAM) last 31 January 2011. As provided in Rule 16.3 of the IRR, the registration of organic products and inputs which are currently with the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) shall continue to be valid until the expiration of the license. Thereafter, registration of such products shall be done by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFPS) including the issuance and renewal of permits and licenses.

With these provisions, all new registrants of organic fertilizer inputs and those for renewals are hereby enjoined to submit their applications to the BAFPS. Nonetheless, the FPA laboratory shall continue to accept samples for analysis.

Please be guided.

  
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